sion of SC/STs and Minorities in Selection Committee/Boards have been implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the names of such bodies under his Ministry where the Instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of bodies Which have not implemented the instruction so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Gandhar Gas based power Project**

1031. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: WSJ the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has ever asked the Central Government that the Gandhar gas based power project should be for peak load purposes and not for based load;

(b) if so, when this request was received; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A proposal for Gas based combined cycle power station at Gandhar (615 MW) has been received from Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) for base load operation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The project cleared by the Central Electricity Authority from techno-economic angle in October, 1989, is under examination of the Planning Commission.

**Substitution for diesel**

1032. SHRI RAMESHWAR PASWAN;
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to reduce the dependence of industry on diesel for the generation of power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI); In order to reduce the dependence on diesel fop power generation, various measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in the country which include maximisation of generation from existing power stations, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units, implementation of short gestation projects, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

**Purchase of Ground handling equipments**

1033. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Airlines row drains exchequer while Ministry looks on" which appeared in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi of the 14th August, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;